

## AMENDMENT &amp; RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 - EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

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## CLEAN VERSION OF PENDING CLAIMS

1. [Once Amended] A method to normalize the contractile response of an endothelially-compromised vascular smooth muscle cell to a vasoconstrictor agonist in a patient in need of such normalization, comprising administering a pharmacologically effective amount of a CLC3 blocker, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
6. A method of claim 23, wherein the compound administered is 1-p- $\beta$ -dimethylaminoethoxyphenyl-trans-1,2-diphenylbut-1-ene, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
7. [Previously Once Amended] A method of claim 23, wherein said endothelium damage is the result of diabetes.
8. [Previously Once Amended] A method of claim 23, wherein said endothelium damage is the result of a surgical procedure.
9. [Previously Once Amended] A method of claim 23, wherein said endothelium damage is the result or cause of hypertension.
10. [Previously Once Amended] A method of claim 23, wherein said endothelium damage is the result or cause of coronary artery disease.
11. [Previously Once Amended] A method of claim 23, which further comprises administering a pharmaceutically-effective compound selected from the group consisting of: an anti-diabetes agent; an anti-hypertension agent; an anti-coronary artery disease agent; and an anti-restenosis agent.

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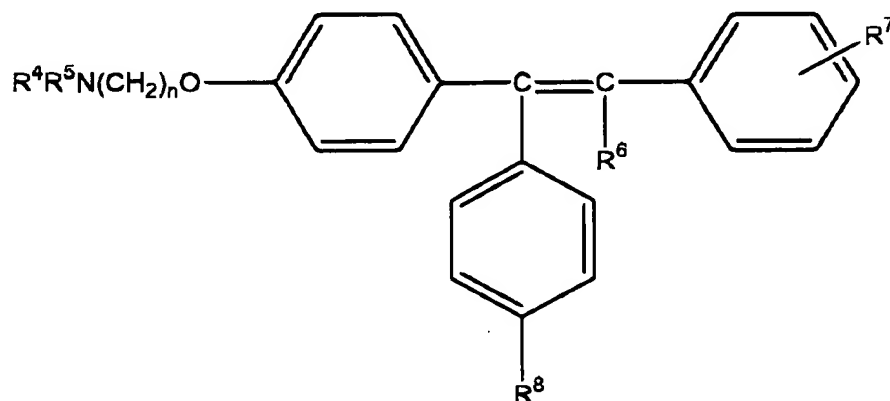
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23. [Once Amended] A method of claim 1, wherein the CLC3 blocker is a compound of Formula I



wherein

either  $R^4$  is H or a lower alkyl radical and  $R^5$  is a lower alkyl radical, or  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  are joined together with the adjacent nitrogen atom to form a heterocyclic radical;

$R^6$  is H or a lower alkyl radical;

$R^7$  is H, halo, OH, a lower alkyl radical, or is a buta-1,3-dienyl radical which together with the adjacent benzene ring forms a naphthyl radical;

$R^8$  is H or OH; and

$n$  is 2;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.